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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS TO RIDE BICYCLES FOR
TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS RECREATION AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION TO EMBRACE AND PROMOTE "COMPLETE STREETS"
POLICIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has nearly two million residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, New Mexico had an estimated one million
five hundred ninety-nine thousand registered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a bicycle, driven by efficient and abundant human
power, creates zero emissions; and

WHEREAS, over half of the population of New Mexico is
considered to be overweight, and an estimated twenty-five and
two-tenths of the population is obese; and

WHEREAS, riding a bicycle is an easy way to incorporate
cardiovascular exercise into an active lifestyle, especially

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1 for senior citizens and children; and

2 WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a national movement dedicated
3 to ensuring that transportation planners and engineers
4 consistently design and operate roadways with all users,
5 including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and riders
6 and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, in mind;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico residents be encouraged to ride
9 bicycles for transportation as well as recreation and that the
10 department of transportation be urged to embrace and promote
11 Complete Street policies; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the secretary of transportation.